

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~striketrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please AMEND claims in accordance with the following:

1. (CANCELLED)
2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An apparatus receiving request data from a request source and providing response data corresponding to the request data, comprising:
 - a request source recognizing unit recognizing said request source;
 - a control information recording unit recording control information related to data restricted by an administrator of the data from being provided depending on said request source;
 - an edit unit creating the response data corresponding to the request data in accordance with the control information by preventing an area restricted by the administrator of the data from being provided to said request source; and
 - a transmitting unit providing the response data.
3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the control information contains information for identifying said request source, and designating information for designating a data area restricted by the administrator of the data from being provided to said request source.
4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the designating information is display area information for indicating the area restricted by the administrator of the data from being provided.

5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An apparatus according to claim 3, wherein when the data is an image, the designating information designates a partial image, specifying an object restricted by the administrator of the data from being provided, in this image.

6. (ORIGINAL) An apparatus according to claim 2, further comprising an input unit setting the control information.

7. (CANCELLED)

8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A data providing method receiving request data from a request source and providing response data corresponding to the request data, comprising:
recognizing said request source;
referring to control information related to data restricted by an administrator of the data from being provided depending on said request source;
creating the response data corresponding to the request data in accordance with the control information by preventing an area restricted by the administrator of the data from being provided to said request source; and
providing the response data.

9. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A data providing method according to claim 8,
wherein the control information contains information for identifying said request source, and designating information for designating a data area restricted by the administrator of the data from being provided to said request source.

10. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A data providing method according to claim 9, wherein the designating information is display area information for indicating the area restricted by the administrator of the data from being provided.

11. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A data providing method according to claim 9, wherein when the data is an image, the designating information designates a partial image, specifying an object restricted by the administrator of the data from being provided, in this image.

12. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A data providing method according to claim 8, further comprising setting the control information.

13. (CANCELLED)

14. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~A program executed by a computer.~~ An apparatus receiving request data from a request source and providing response data corresponding to the request data, comprising:

a controller,

recognizing said request source;

referring to control information related to data restricted by an administrator of the data from being provided depending on said request source;

creating the response data corresponding to the request data in accordance with the control information by preventing an area restricted by the administrator of the data from being provided; and

providing the response data.

15. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~A program.~~ The apparatus according to claim 14, wherein the control information contains information for identifying said request source, and designating information for designating a data area restricted by the administrator of the data from being provided to said request source.

16. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~A program.~~ The apparatus according to claim 15, wherein the designating information is display area information for indicating the area restricted by the administrator of the data from being provided.

17. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~A program.~~ The apparatus according to claim 15, wherein when the data is an image, the designating information designates a partial image, specifying an object restricted by the administrator of the data from being provided, in this image.

18. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~A program.~~ The apparatus according to claim 14, further comprising setting ~~wherein the controller sets~~ the control information.

19. (CANCELLED)

20. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A storage medium ~~that stored~~ storing a program executed by a computer receiving request data from a request source and providing response data corresponding to the request data, said program comprising:

recognizing said request source;

referring to control information related to data restricted by an administrator of the data from being provided depending on said request source;

creating the response data corresponding to the request data in accordance with the control information by preventing an area restricted by the administrator of the data from being provided to said request source, and

providing the response data.

21. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A storage medium ~~that stored~~ storing a program according to claim 20, wherein the control information contains information for identifying said request source, and designating information for designating a data area restricted by the administrator of the data from being provided to said request source.

22. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A storage medium ~~that stored~~ storing a program according to claim 21, wherein the designating information is display area information for indicating the area restricted by the administrator of the data from being provided.

23. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A storage medium ~~that stored~~ storing a program according to claim 21, wherein when the data is an image, the designating information designates a partial image, specifying an object restricted by the administrator of the data from being provided, in this image.

24. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A storage medium ~~that stored~~ storing a program according to claim 20, said program further comprising setting the control information.

25. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) An apparatus according to any one of claims 2-6, wherein said apparatus is a server.